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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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RE: CC Docket No. 03-11

February 3, 2003

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to support Qwest Communications' application to provide long-distance services to Oregonians. The Oregon Public Utilities Commission has completed hearings, finding that Qwest has met all applicable requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Increased competition in the telecommunications market is a key factor in unlocking the potential for economic growth in Oregon. Allowing Qwest to enter the long distance market will provide more choices for Oregonians, as well as provide our local economies with a much-needed economic boost.

We recommend that you give to states like Oregon the tools needed to grow our economies, provide for new jobs, and sustain our quality of life. To achieve that, I urge you to support Qwest's application to provide long distance service to Oregon.

Sincerely,

Earl Blumenauer  
Member of Congress  
Third District of Oregon

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